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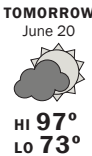
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FREE SUMMERTIME AUSTIN

Beat the summer heat with free events around the city. This week, grab some donuts, check out local vendors, and update your book and vinyl collections.

Tuesday

Ready Set Go Nuts: Grab some delicious donuts and settle in to watch a comedy show followed by an open mic session.

Where: Gourdough's on South Lamar
When: 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Solstice Soiree: Make the most of the longest day of 2017 with a dining and shopping outing put on by local Austin vendors.

Where: Native Hostel
When: 5–8 p.m.

Thursday

John Wolfe at Waterloo Records: Catch a free show while beefing up your record collection at Austin's music store darling. Country singer John Wolfe will be promoting his new album, *Any Night in Texas*.

Where: Waterloo Records
When: 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

African American Book Festival: Attend talks by prominent authors and experience a showcase of new works by and about African Americans.

Where: George Washington Carver Museum & Library
When: 9:00 a.m.–4 p.m.

CAMPUS

Aggressive grackles prompt campus warnings

By Wesley Story
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It's not uncommon for UT students to have run-ins with the seemingly fearless wildlife on campus, but flyers posted Monday around the University offer clear warnings about the grackles in the area.

The signs, posted by UT's Environmental Health and Safety office, warn community members of "aggressive birds nesting" in the area. The signs also advise pedestrians not to approach baby birds and to even consider using an alternate path of travel.

Grackles are large, lanky black birds with long legs and tails and have become notorious on campus for their antagonistic character and for harassing students on their way to class.

Corporate communications senior Alyssa Hollander said she's not surprised about the warnings from the University.

"I have heard numerous stories from my friends who have been attacked by the grackles," Hollander said. "It seems like it happens to each of us at least once a year."

Hollander said she's witnessed the birds dive-bomb crowds and even saw a grackle get tangled up in the hair of a girl who was walking in front of her.

"During popular class transition times, I can see the birds diving down into the crowd of people walking," Hollander said. "I've seen it happen to a girl walking right in front

of me before. Now that was intense."

In 2008, the city hired Texas Bird Services in an effort to rid the downtown area of grackles, according to reports from the Austin American-Statesman.

Public relations senior Katy Collett said she's never had a run-in with the campus grackles, but she's seen squirrels approach people sitting outside the Student Activity Center to beg for food. Collett said she respects the wildlife and thinks it's best to find a way to coexist.

"I know the wildlife on campus can be scary, but we should try to find better ways to take care of the animals since they're living creatures too," Collett said.

Some students have given the birds nicknames such as "demon spawn," "the Devil" and "Satan incarnate" because of the nature of the interactions students have had with the grackles.

Communication and leadership sophomore Rebecca McCraney said she hates the birds and tries to avoid them at all costs.

"I lived in San Jac dorm

my freshman year, so I ate at Cypress Bend all the time," McCraney said. "There were always a ton of grackles over there, and one in particular was pretty aggressive and would fly up to your table and steal food right off of your plate."

Grackles like areas where there's trash for food and trees for perching, according to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. For these reasons, they tend to congregate in large flocks at shopping centers and fast-food store parking lots. UT has become a popular location for the grackles for these same reasons.

McCraney said she appreciates the warnings from the University and feels like there's not much else that can be done about the birds.

"The only thing the UT administration can do is inform students about the issue and warn us to avoid engaging with the birds," McCraney said. "After all, the grounds are home to many animals and who are we to disturb nature?"

Representatives from UT's EHS were not available for comment.



Flyers have been posted around the University warning students about savage grackles in the area. Grackles have been known for harassing students on their way to class and while eating.

Joshua Guerra
Daily Texan
Staff

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I know the wildlife on campus can be scary, but we should try to find better ways to take care of the animals since they're living creatures too.

—Katy Collett,
Public relations senior

COLUMN

Textbooks dangerously misrepresent Civil War

By Rohan Batlanki

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Today's media deals in alternative facts! SAD! However, the media is not the only culprit; alternative facts also stem from an overlooked — yet equally dangerous — source: children's textbooks.

In 2010, Texas Board of Education began enforcing more conservative learning standards for K-12 students studying the Civil War. These changes include dismissing slavery as the main cause of the war, downplaying the cruelty and inherent racism of slavery, and softening the portrayal of institutionalized racism and Jim Crow laws.

Before the BOE can muddle our history in alternative facts, let's set the record straight and examine history as it actually happened. Yes, slavery represented a huge economic benefit to the South. Southern plantations were 35 percent more efficient than the North because of slavery, and between 1840-1860, the per capita income increased faster in the South than anywhere else in the nation. Losing slavery as the primary driver for Southern plantations was perceived as a huge loss for the South. It's also important to note that not all Southerners were intrinsically racist — slavery was considered a fiscally sound decision. But despite any fathomable arguments for the Civil War, it ultimately condenses down to the right to own human beings.

The South knew this. In an effort to save

face, the Antebellum Era gave rise to a philosophy known as the Lost Cause. The philosophy falsely professed that the Southern Cause was justified, and that seeking independence from a decentralized and distant government was patriotic and in line with the U.S. Declaration. It was this philosophy that propagated the fallacy that states' rights was the main cause for the Civil War. Though one would expect this retrogressive excuse to remain in the past, more than 150 years later, the Lost Cause philosophy proves to be a sore loser, rearing its ugly head back into modern annals of history.

Prior to changing our history books, members of the BOE should bother reading one. Our state's most senior educators are hellbent on breathing life into the Lost Cause, as in the regressively conservative viewpoint, of Patricia Hardy, a board member and proponent of the changes: "States' rights were the real issue behind the Civil War. Slavery was an after issue." The Lost Cause is innately false. It's a gross misrepresentation of the facts that acted as Southern propaganda to preserve its dignity. It's apparently unclear to the BOE that any call-back to this ideology should only serve to exemplify itself as a fallacy.

The BOE seems intent upon exposing young students to this debilitating and erroneous philosophy. Books printed by companies such as Houghton Mifflin Harcourt and Pearson have been subject to severe edits that pervert the main ideas. Changing words like "slaves" to "workers" and using



Illustration by Geo Casillas | Daily Texan Staff

passive voice such as saying "torture was used" instead of "masters and overseers tortured slaves," whitewashes the cruel reality of slavery.

Additionally, textbooks over-emphasize misleading anecdotes about the true nature of slavery such as this excerpt from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt:

"Some slaves reported that their masters treated them kindly. To protect their investment, some slaveholders provided adequate food and clothing for their slaves."

Changing the way educators present information, even on the grammatical level, drastically alters the meaning. Overemphasizing certain aspects of history while undercutting other more major effectors is deleterious to students' education.

The Civil War was fought over slavery and slavery is wrong — censoring history

to push a political agenda deceives Texas students and sets a dangerous precedent for future generations. It's far beyond time to acknowledge the mistakes this country has made so that we may better avoid them in the future.

Batlanki is a neuroscience sophomore from Flower Mound.

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—Rohan Batlanki,
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CITY

No Refusal extended until September

By Will Clark
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This past weekend, the Austin Police Department began its extended No Refusal initiative that will occur every weekend until September as part of the department's crackdown on drunk driving. The policy states that even if a driver refuses a breathalyzer test, police will go to a judge for a search warrant for the driver's blood. Judges are on call at all hours so the officers are able to get the warrants and the evidence quickly.

Detective Richard Mabe, who works in APD's DWI Enforcement Unit, said the problem of drinking and driving won't be solved by making as many arrests as possible.

"We're never going to arrest our way out of this problem," Mabe said. "What is going to solve it is the

community coming together with the police department and saying, 'Enough is enough.'"

While judges in Travis County are available around the clock even on normal weekends, APD officers will normally not take breath or blood samples if the driver refuses.

The difference, Mabe said, is that on No Refusal weekends, there is more personnel in place set up to handle the surge in evidence and suspects, especially in the lab which processes the blood tests.

The extended No Refusal program is funded by a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation. APD spokeswoman Anna Sabana said while there is not a specific amount set aside, the department receives \$1 million a year from TxDOT, which covers No Refusal

weekends and other forms of officer overtime.

One of the longest No Refusal initiatives of the year just ended, running from May 26 to June 12 and encompassing Memorial Day weekend and the Republic of Texas Biker Rally. According to a statement from APD, the initiative resulted in 164 DWI arrests, including weeknights — a departure from previous No Refusal initiatives.

"A lot of people, when they look at No Refusal, they want to look at the end result, the number of arrests," Mabe said. "We may make quite a few arrests, but the number of arrests are going to be pretty close to the same (as normal). What No Refusal does is on every arrest we do make, we're getting a sample."

Mabe said the advantage of having the samples is they're able to turn as



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—Richard Mabe,
APD detective

much evidence over to the District Attorney's office as possible, meaning a possibly smoother trial.

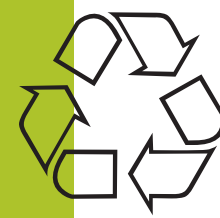
Mabe also pointed out that the majority of arrests are not UT students, saying the University and Capital Metro do a great job transporting students safely around Austin.

Dustin Farahnak, UT Police Department corporal, deals with many of the DWI arrests made around campus. While UT police do not employ No Refusal policies, Farahnak said he supports the practice as a preventative measure.

"It's so easy today to just get a rideshare," Farahnak said. "If you think there's going to be a big consequence if you jump in a car and drive home, you'll just get an Uber for 20 bucks."

Austin criminal attorney Kevin Bennett often defends students who have been charged with DWIs, and said even without the policy, police have the ability to obtain a warrant if a driver refuses a breathalyzer.

"It's really always no refusal," Bennett said. "(The initiative) is more of a warning to the public that they're going to get a warrant."

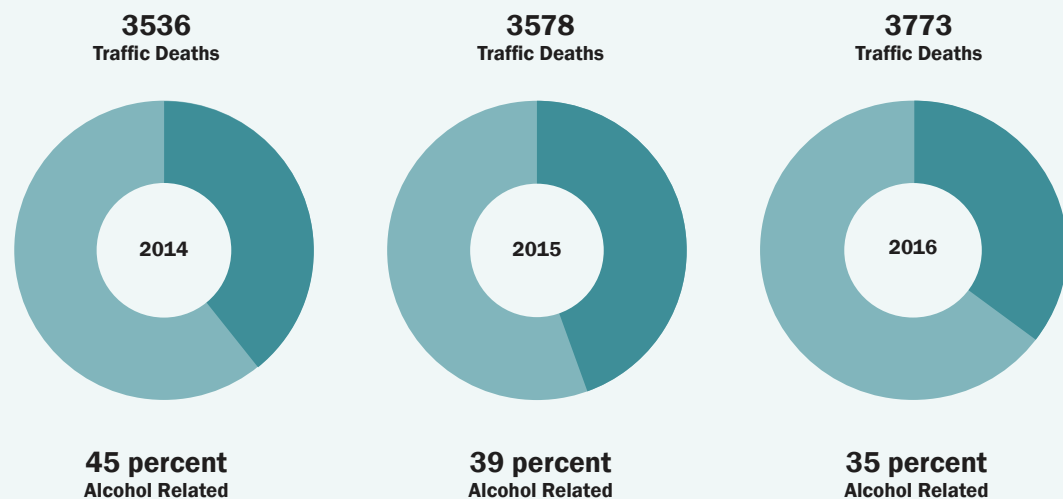


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Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, but it took a while for the news to get to Texas. Two years, in fact. It wasn't until June 19, 1865, that Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston carrying the order to free Texas slaves, officially ending slavery across the United States. From there, Juneteenth was born.

In this issue's cover spread, we take a look at the historical Texas celebration and some of the traditions surrounding it.

CELEBRATING JUNETEENTH

The summer sun shined on the outstretched hands of the children lining the street as the parade progressed.

The annual Juneteenth Parade, which was held Saturday, is hosted by the Greater East Austin Youth Association and commemorates the day that slaves in Texas were notified of their freedom in 1865.

"Enslaved people started creating celebrations on that emancipation day, and it's been adapted," said Faith Weaver, culture and arts education coordinator at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center. "Wherever there are people of color and black people, they've adopted that day as their freedom day."

Weaver equates Juneteenth to the Fourth of July for the black community. It's a day to be reminded of how far the country and the community have come since that day. For Nathaniel Cannon, co-founder and director of finance for GEAYA, the parade is a way to honor those that have come before him.

"I feel that we should never forget," Cannon said. "If you think back at the impact that it had on our people when they got the news, they would really want to celebrate. That's why I want to keep the memory alive. I don't ever want to forget."

Because the annual celebrations happens mostly in Texas, many people don't know anything about the holiday.

According to Weaver, the parade and other Juneteenth celebrations are good opportunities for anyone to learn more about the history behind it.

"Really, Juneteenth is connected to black history, but it's also American history," Weaver said. "Just like we've learned about other cultures and our U.S. and Texas history, that's a part of both of those. It's a celebration for everyone to come and to learn about it if they don't know about it."

Cannon and friend James Howard didn't intend to start hosting Juneteenth parades when they founded GEAYA together. The association was originally intended as football program in East Austin in 1975.

They took over the parade when its celebration could no longer be sustained. It languished for years before Cannon and Howard took over in 2000.

"(We started) had had some before, and then we had to have Juneteenth," Howard said. "We would try to make it."

Since then, the parade has grown to around 100,000 people. Groups such as the Texas Athletics Association and Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission man Ronnie M. Howard came to his parade and sponsored it as a public event.



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By Lisette Oler
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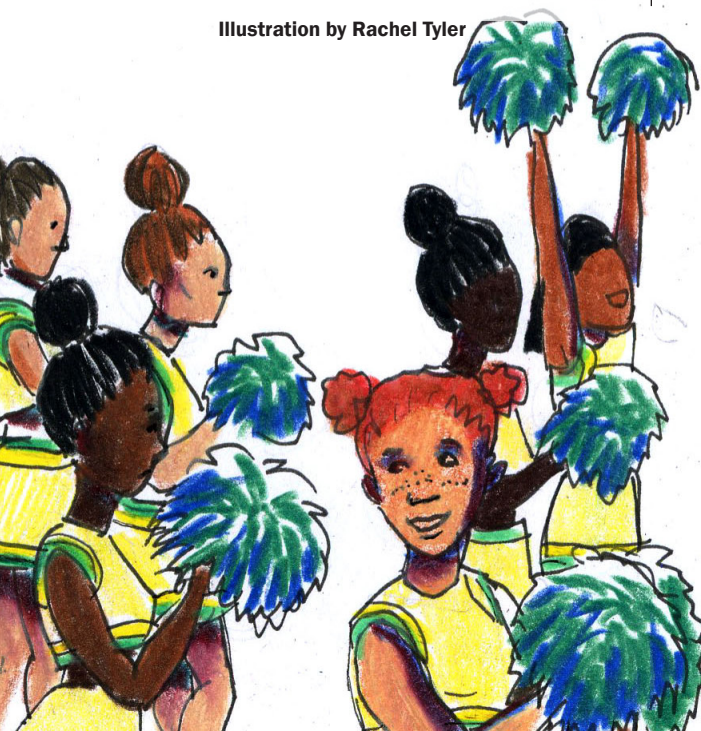
in attendance.

"It's for (the kids) to see how important Juneteenth really is," Major said. "I feel it's a good representation of the culture of the African-American community."

Despite all the struggles within the country and the black community, Juneteenth remains a time to showcase the resilience and pride of the people.

"There are so many challenges and things that can be divisive," Weaver said. "But we still have in common our humanity, that we care about our families and communities. There is love there, and any opportunity to come celebrate something in a positive way is a good thing."

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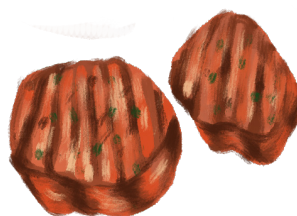


FOOD

Tastes of tradition

Illustrations by Jackie Tovar

The meat starts cooking the night before, and slowly but surely, the chunk of raw beef will become tender, flavorful and moist brisket. It's a flavor that has come to be associated with the holiday Juneteenth. There are many other foods that characterize the holiday that commemorates the day Texas slaves were finally notified of their freedom in 1865. Whether you're celebrating with your family or going to one of Austin's celebrations, be sure to try some of these tasty dishes.



Barbecue

For this holiday, barbecue reigns supreme. At any Juneteenth celebration, you can be sure to find brisket, chicken wings, ribs and pork chops. Common to Texas, brisket meat comes from right above the front legs of cattle, which means the meat is usually really tough. It is cooked long and slow to tenderize the meat with flavor coming mainly from a spice rub or marinade.

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Red Soda Water (and anything else that's red)

Red is a color that is seen everywhere during Juneteenth. You will find it as red soda water, strawberry pies, red velvet cake and in red beans and rice. The classic color symbolizes blood lost during the struggle for emancipation or the hibiscus tea that was frequently drunk by slaves during celebrations, depending on who you talk to.



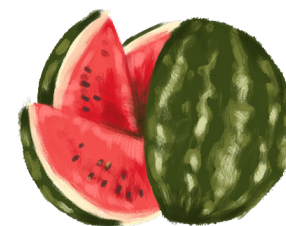
Collard Greens & Sweet Potatoes

These healthy options were commonly grown during the time of slavery and offer a variety of nutrients like vitamins K and A. Collard greens can be made vegetarian depending on whether or not ham hock is used during cooking. Sweet potatoes end up in pies similar to their pumpkin cousins that grace Thanksgiving tables.



Tea Cakes

This is not your typical cookie, but it could easily pass as a sugar cookie. It is usually made with butter or lard, sugar, flour and some kind of spice like nutmeg or vanilla. Tea cakes are such a traditional part of African-American cuisine that you won't find a celebration without them. Even some fictional characters are named after them, like Vergible "Tea Cake" Woods from Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes were Watching God." They're that much of a staple.



Watermelon

When it comes to this cool summer treat, there is no Juneteenth without it. In an article by the National Geographic's The Plate, Rev. Dr. Ronald Myers said it best:

"Watermelon and red soda water are the oldest traditional foods on Juneteenth," said Myers, head of the National Juneteenth Observance Foundation. "And there's always been soul food served. Fried chicken and barbecue and greens and black-eyed peas. I'm getting hungry! At any traditional Juneteenth dinner that's what you'll find."

CITY

Capital Metro plans changes to increase ridership near UT

By **Albert Zhao**

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Capital Metro is working to increase ridership on their network for UT students and the greater Austin community through Connections 2025, an ambitious plan to improve the city's transportation network.

Connections 2025 is being implemented in multiple phases. In late April, service changes were approved that will boost frequency for bus routes 801 and 803 that allow buses on weekdays to run every 10 minutes instead of 15 and on weekends, every 15 minutes instead of 20. These changes will be implemented Aug. 20.

In a transportation panel Wednesday, City Council member Delia Garza said CapMetro was doing its best to maximize limited resources because they want to accommodate the most people during the busiest season.

"We (could) build a system that touches every Austin resident, but they're going to have to wait 30-45 minutes," Garza said. "I do

think that Capital Metro has done, through Connections 2025, a good job. You need to put the transit where the density is and to allow the frequency so we're not in the position subsidizing each rider at a very high rate."

A 2014 report revealed that 22 percent of UT students use the shuttle service, whereas roughly one-third drive to campus.

CapMetro CEO Linda Watson said the traffic congestion caused by the large volume of vehicles near campus could be alleviated if more students knew about public transport.

"We have been meeting with UT," Watson said. "We are building a campaign right now, and that's one of the biggest problems."

Watson said CapMetro has been working with Student Government on the campaign that will roll out this fall, but she did not provide specific details.

Relying on the bus system to reach campus during her four years at UT, recent graduate Mayra Zamora, who attended the transportation

panel, said the city's bus system was her main mode of transportation to campus and is a viable option for students without cars.

"We can use the buses for free and pretty much go anywhere," Zamora said. "If UT told students about it, maybe more people will ride."

Buses 801 and 803 are major routes for UT students because they connect across Austin, and the approved service changes for Aug. 20 will add two more bus rides per hour during the weekdays and one more bus per hour during weekends.

Austin Mayor Steve Adler, who spoke at the panel, said accommodating bus schedules when people use it the most is one of the solutions that will help lower Austin's traffic congestion since the construction of new roads would not be enough.

"You put the times and uses approximate to the transit so that people will use the transit and be able to get to the places that they need without getting into a car," Adler said. "Ultimately, you can't build your way out of congestion."



Connections 2025 is being implemented in multiple phases, some of which will go into effect this August and will improve prominent bus routes through campus.

Mengwen Cao
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CITY

SXSW to stay in Austin despite passing of sanctuary cities bill

By **Claire Albright**

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The South by Southwest Music Festival will remain in Austin after a plea by two U.S. senators for the festival to leave the state was denied by SXSW CEO Roland Swenson.

In an open letter, Sen. Robert Menendez, D-New Jersey, and Catherine Cortez Masto, D-Arizona, said their request was a direct result of Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signing Senate Bill 4, the controversial "sanctuary cities" bill, into law.

"In America we believe that people should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin, but that is not what SB4 does," the senators' June 7 letter read.

SB 4, which goes into effect Sept. 1, creates penalties of up to \$25,500 a day with the threat of removal from office for law enforcement officials who refuse to comply with U.S. Immigration and Custom Enforcement detainers for people who are thought to be in the country illegally. Additionally, the law bars local police and sheriffs from denying their officers the ability to ask a person's immigration status.

"With this bill we are doing away with those that seek to promote lawlessness in Texas," Abbott said in a statement upon signing the bill.

However, Menendez and Masto stressed that this law is opposed to both the spirit of SXSW and fundamental

dignity and respect the country stands for.

"Throughout its 31 years, SXSW has been a beacon of consistency, standing with artists and participants regarding equality, tolerance, and safety during events," they said in their letter. "SB4, however, would not allow SXSW to be a safe place for immigrants and Americans alike to visit, participate, and enjoy; the culture and safety of the event would be greatly diminished if your attendants are faced with the humiliation and harassment that this new law would inflict."

Although Swenson condemned the law, he said the festival will remain in the city of Austin.

"We agree with the Senators that the law stands diametrically opposed to the spirit of SXSW and respect their call to action," Swenson said. "For us this is

not a solution. Austin is our home and an integral part of who we are. We will stay here and continue to make our event inclusive while fighting for the rights of all."

Government sophomore Fabiola Barreto said she thinks the senators' request highlights the economic ramifications of SB 4 and the effect the law will have on SXSW. Barreto said businesses may leave or not come to Texas because of SB 4, and that Menendez's and Masto's request is evidence of this.

"The city of Austin, however, has stood firmly against SB 4 and has already filed a lawsuit against it," Barreto said. "SXSW, if you ask me, is a part of Austin and adds on to what makes this beautiful and accepting city what it is. I feel as though speakers will be more hesitant to show up to the festival, present, etc. because of hateful laws such as SB 4 which could affect SXSW later on."



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The South by Southwest Music Festival, which some have argued should be relocated outside the state due to SB 4, will remain in Austin.

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Texas roster depleted by draft

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The 2017 MLB Draft hit Texas — hard. As the draft concluded, Texas saw 11 of its players — tied for most in the country — get called to the big leagues.

Although replacing 11 players is a daunting task for any team, there was some optimism from the Longhorns following the Draft. Of the 11 draftees, only three were seniors. The other eight Longhorns have at least one more year of eligibility, giving them the option to return to the 40 Acres next season.

The eight non-seniors have until July 15 to decide between pursuing a professional career or returning to Texas with an opportunity to improve their stock. However, four of those players — redshirt junior Morgan Cooper, junior Connor Mayes, junior Travis Jones and junior Patrick Mathis — have already announced their decision to hang up their burnt orange jerseys.

So with four Longhorns still mulling their options, here's an update on who Texas is losing and who has big decisions ahead:

Who Texas loses

Second-round selection and Texas ace Morgan Cooper was the first Longhorn off the board as the Los Angeles Dodgers used the 62nd overall pick on the redshirt junior from Jarrell, Texas. The right hander was a calming presence on the Longhorns' young staff last season, and his absence will be felt immediately. When Cooper took to the mound, Longhorn fans knew they were in for a treat. His 110 strikeouts



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The Longhorns saw 11 players selected in the 2017 MLB Draft, most notably their staff ace, RHP Morgan Cooper.

were the most in the Big 12 in 2017.

Texas' three seniors are also gone. First baseman Kacy Clemens (Toronto Blue Jays, 8th round, 249th overall), center fielder Zane Gurwitz (Los Angeles Angels, 26th round, 775th overall) and pitcher Jon Malmin (Los Angeles Angels, 31st round, 925th overall) will all begin their journey to the majors beginning this fall, leaving a sizable hole in terms of veteran leadership.

In addition to his leadership, Clemens made his impact most felt with his bat. He led the Longhorns in batting average (.305), home runs (12), RBI (49), runs scored (48) and hits (67) in 2017, anchoring a lineup that previously lacked a scoring punch.

Longhorns on the clock: Kennedy, Boswell, Johnston, Schimpf

Four Longhorns still have to decide whether they will make the trek to the big leagues or return to Austin in the fall. Junior infielder Bret Boswell is joined by three pitchers — Nick Kennedy, Kyle Johnston and Tyler Schimpf — who have until July 15 to announce their intentions.

We'll start with Boswell, who has little incentive to return for his last year of eligibility in 2018. He was selected in the eighth round by the Colorado Rockies, and with the Longhorns projected to sport a crowded infield next year, his draft stock wouldn't increase with a return to the 40 Acres. He is slated to leave the Longhorns after a 2017 campaign that saw him drive in 33 RBI, second on the team.

That leaves three pitchers whose futures are in flux. Both the sophomore Kennedy and junior Johnston were selected in the first six rounds, while Schimpf fell to the 13th round. Schimpf posted an ERA of 1.56 in his 12 appearances while Kennedy finished with an 8-2 record. Johnston served as the Sunday starter, anchoring the Texas staff to close weekend series.

With 11 players drafted last week, the Longhorn roster is all-but-guaranteed to be far different next spring. But the scope of Texas' roster overhaul won't be known for another month. Now, the drafted Longhorns will face a pivotal question: Should they stay or should they go?

FOOTBALL

Five newcomers primed for early impact

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Sam Ehlinger

Position: Quarterback

Sophomore Shane Buechele may have all but wrapped up the starting quarterback job in the spring game, even if head coach Tom Herman refused to name a starter postgame. But don't write off Ehlinger in 2017 just yet. The Longhorns still don't have a proven backup on the roster, and if Herman can't bring in another scholarship quarterback between now and fall camp, Ehlinger will be the lone guy behind Buechele. An injury or struggles from the starter could lead to the freshman seeing game action this year.

Gary Johnson

Position: Linebacker

There's already been one Gary Johnson who's made a name for himself on the 40 Acres. That would be the Longhorn hooper from 2007-2011, who was a four-year starter at forward for former head coach Rick Barnes. Longhorn fans will hope for a similar impact from this Gary Johnson, who could be a real playmaker at linebacker alongside junior stalwarts Malik Jefferson and Anthony Wheeler. Johnson,

a junior transfer from Dodge City Community College in Kansas, was the No. 1 junior college inside linebacker in the nation last season, per 247Sports. His ability to play inside could help Jefferson move back to the edge rusher spot.

Cade Brewer

Position: Tight end

Brewer's commitment to Texas turned plenty of heads in the recruiting world. The Lake Travis product originally committed to SMU in April alongside his teammate and quarterback Charlie Brewer (no relation), but Cade ultimately decommitted and signed with the Longhorns. Cade Brewer will compete for the starting tight end job along with senior Andrew Beck and freshman Reese Leitaio, looking to bring some added playmaking to a unit that has struggled mightily over the last decade. Texas hasn't had a significant playmaker at the tight end position since Jeremiah Finley in 2006-2007.

Reese Leitaio

Position: Tight end

Leitaio was at the center of controversy recently when Herman announced that Leitaio would still be allowed to keep his scholarship after his felony drug charge was

lowered to a misdemeanor. Leitaio originally signed with Texas in February on National Signing Day, but later that month, he was arrested in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with a charge of drug possession with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a school. Leitaio's charge was downgraded to misdemeanor in May and he was allowed to keep his scholarship, causing a bit of a stir on social media. Moving forward, Leitaio's every move will be under the microscope as he fights for the starting job with Brewer and Beck.

Joshua Rowland

Position: Kicker

Texas' kicking game has struggled mightily over the past three seasons, a far cry from the glory days of Justin Tucker and Phil Dawson. Both Trent Domingue and Nick Rose failed to deliver for former head coach Charlie Strong, missing critical extra points and chip-shot field goals late in games. Now, it's Rowland's chance to right the special-teams ship. The junior transfer from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College is rated as the No. 1 junior college kicker in the nation per 247Sports and could bring some much-needed consistency to the Longhorns' shoddy kicking game.



Freshman quarterback Sam Ehlinger won't begin the season as the Longhorns' starting quarterback, but he could see playing time if sophomore Shane Buechele struggles or suffers an injury.

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INNOVATION

UT faculty enter medical contest

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Teams of UT faculty and Austin-area companies are crossing their fingers after submitting their proposals to Texas Health Catalyst on June 8 in hopes of being chosen as one of this year's awardees.

"Texas Health Catalyst was based on Catalyst, a translational research program at the University of San Francisco," program director Nishi Viswanathan said. "However ... instead of supporting technologies hunting for problems to solve, Texas Health Catalyst (provides) innovators a target to shoot for."

Last year, THC chose an interdisciplinary team of doctors and UT researchers that proposed a low-cost smart imaging system for minimally invasive surgery. This proposal particularly impressed the advisory panel of clinicians, entrepreneurs and Austin industry leaders, Viswanathan said.

The imaging device will aid in surgeries that typically require special training and can be extremely complex, time-consuming and even unsuccessful, according to Viswanathan. It aims to make endometriosis surgery more accurate and effective.

Endometriosis occurs when the lining of the uterus grows outside of the uterus. Pelvic peritoneal endometriosis specifically affects the endometrial tissue found in the pelvic cavity.

"(It) is a debilitating disease affecting over 7.5 million women in the U.S.

alone," Viswanathan said. "This technology ... aims to make endometriosis surgery more thorough and effective."

The advisory panel believed that this project was worth investing both time and money in, Viswanathan added.

"This project was particularly interesting to us because this team took an existing cutting-edge imaging technology they were developing for cancer imaging and applied it to a very specific pain point described in (THC's) request for proposals," Viswanathan said.

Although the project is still in the early stages, it is already well underway, according to biomedical engineering professor Thomas Milner.

"We are developing a suite of technologies to make intraoperative surgery safer and more effective," Milner said.

Milner is working with Livia Eberlin, an associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, as primary investigators of the project, which combines Milner's imaging system with mass spectrometry, a technique that can determine the composition of tissues by mass of the chemicals that make them up.

"Dr. Eberlin's group is applying mass spectrometry to diagnose endometrial tissues, while my group is developing a low cost endoscopic imaging system," Milner said.

The operating room is Dr. Michael Breen's stage. Breen is an assistant professor of women's health at the Dell

Medical School and also the director of robotics and minimally invasive surgery.

"My role as a robotic surgeon is primary resection of deep pelvic wall endometriosis from surgical patients with varying stages of pelvic peritoneal endometriosis," Breen said.

Breen said there is potential to use mass spectrometry to identify regular and atypical endometriosis during surgery.

THC looks for projects proposed by innovators who are eager to seek advice from experts and willing to incorporate these suggestions into their development plans, according to Viswanathan.

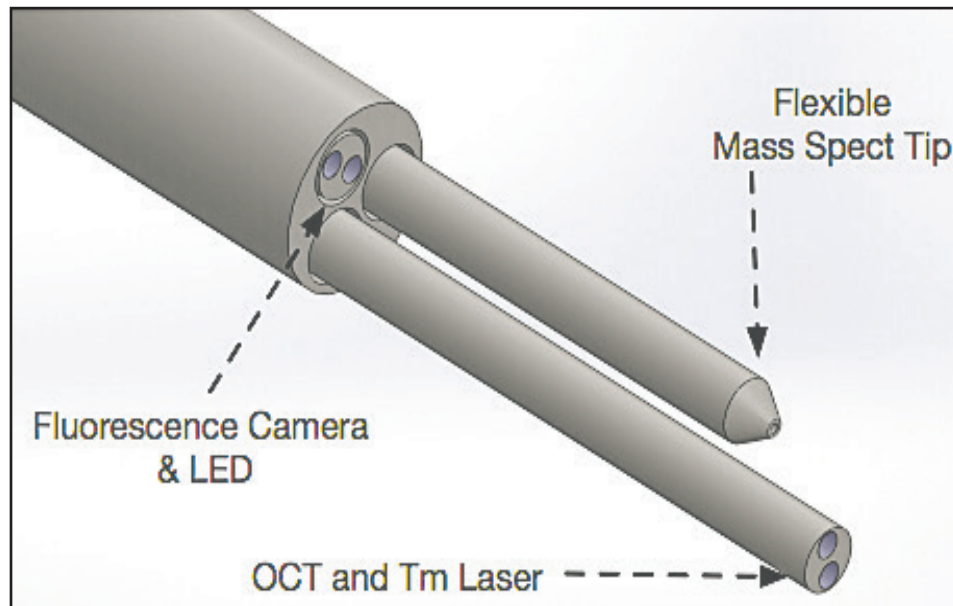
"We strive to make sure all promising technologies get the support they deserve and equip our applicants with the tools, connections and resources they need for their current and future venues," Viswanathan said.

THC has provided instrumental support to this team, Breen said.

"(It has) allowed us to focus our efforts and has helped cover the technical expenses involved with sophisticated tissue histologic evaluation ... (and) mass spectrometry evaluations," Breen said.

Milner said that the new system will help improve the quality of care for women with endometriosis.

"Endometriosis is such a dreadful disease and the treatments need to improve," Milner said. "Women suffering from endometriosis deserve ... better treatment and ... better lives."



Courtesy of Thomas Milner

UT researchers recently submitted their designs, such as this next-generation imaging probe for diagnosis of endometriosis, to Texas Health Catalyst.

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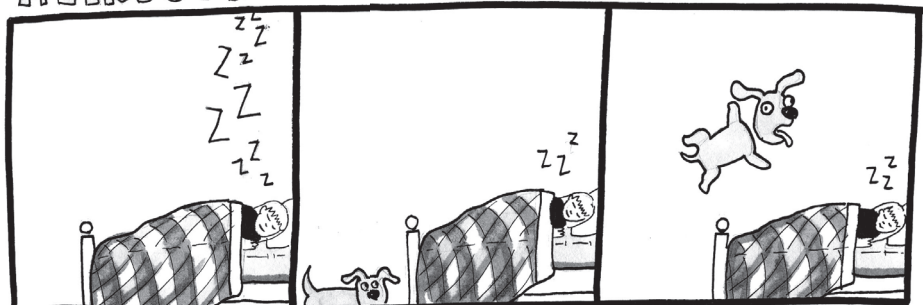
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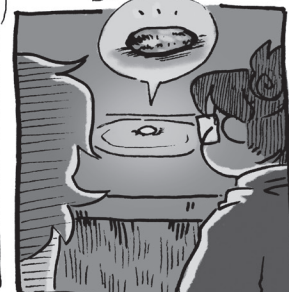
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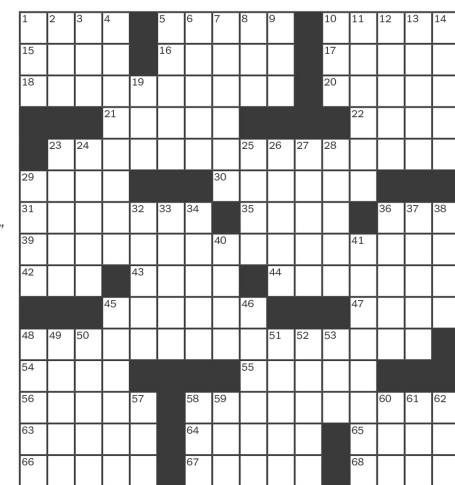
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- 21 Bottoms of high-tops
- 22 Departs
- 23 Desirable feature of a rented room
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- 30 Genetic copies
- 31 Forwards, as a misdelivered letter
- 35 Weaving machine
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- 43 Ancient France
- 44 Navigation instrument
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- 47 Crumb carriers
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- 54 Sigher's words
- 55 College officials
- 56 "Here's to the newlyweds!," e.g.
- 58 Part of a person's psyche ... or a hidden part of 18-, 23-, 39- or 48-Across?
- 63 Wonderland girl
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- 66 Chill out

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- 1 "Super" group buying campaign ads
- 2 One-third of pitching's Triple Crown, for short
- 3 Command between "Ready!" and "Fire!"
- 4 Chocolate-covered morsel often eaten at the movies
- 5 Virus in 2014 news
- 6 Special Forces cap
- 7 "Gimme a minute"
- 8 Schoolteacher's org.
- 9 French designer's monogram
- 10 With 62-Down, a spring festival
- 11 Symbols of resistance
- 12 Talked incessantly
- 13 Quetzalcoatl worshiper
- 14 Car deal that's not a purchase
- 19 Election mo.
- 23 Skirt fold
- 24 Hoarse
- 25 "___ Enchanted" (2004 film)
- 26 "High" times
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- 29 Paths of pendulums
- 32 Bother persistently
- 33 Book with handwritten thoughts
- 34 Ducked (out) furtively
- 36 Easel, e.g.
- 37 Pub purchases
- 38 Divisions of a play
- 40 Escape
- 41 The Enterprise, for example
- 45 Soft drink in a green bottle
- 46 2000 Summer Olympics city
- 48 Smallest OPEC nation
- 49 Entire
- 50 Letter that doesn't need an envelope or stamp
- 51 Designer Geoffrey
- 52 Got into a row?
- 53 Nelson Mandela's org.
- 57 ___-Mex
- 58 "Was ___ das?" (German question)
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